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SUBJECT: PENRHYN ISLAND WEATHER PROJECT

REF: NOAA 171536Z AUG 78 TO MUNSTER AND LEWIS

1. REFTEL STATES YOU UNDERSTAND OPERATION OF DC-7 TO PENRHYN IS NOT APPROVED, BUT ADDS THAT YOU ARE WORKING ON AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN TO USE A U.S. GOVERNMENT CHARTERED DC-7. ASSUME THE LATTER REFERENCE SHOULD HAVE BEEN TO A C-130. PLEASE CONFIRM.

2. N.Z. DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION KIPPENBERGER STATES THAT HE IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER FLIGHTS TO PENRHYN OPERATED BY U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL, BUT NOT BY CIVILIAN CREWS. HIS PRINCIPAL REASON FOR REQUIRING THIS IS THAT SCRUB GROWTH AT THE ENDS AND ALONG THE RUNWAY MAKE APPROACH AND LANDING HAZARDOUS FOR CIVILIAN CREWS WHICH ARE GENERALLY NOT AS WELL QUALIFIED AS MILITARY PERSONNEL FOR SHORT FIELD OPERATIONS. KIPPENBERGER BELIEVES THE RUNWAY IS IN SUFFICIENTLY GOOD CONDITION TO SUPPORT DC-6 (MILITARY EQUIVALENT -- C-118) WHEEL LOADING, BUT HE WILL HAVE TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS QUESTION IF A FORMAL CLEARANCE REQUEST IS MADE. (WE MENTION A DC-6/C-118 UNCLASSIFIED

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BECAUSE THE U.S. MILITARY HAS NO DC-7'S.) KIPPENBERGER ALSO POINTS OUT THAT UNLOADING OF A HIGH PLATFORM AIRCRAFT SUCH AS A DC-6 WOULD BE A PROBLEM SINCE THERE ARE NO LIFTS OR OTHER EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE ON PENRHYN.

3. PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED AS YOUR PLANS PROGRESS.
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